



**THE SUNDAY TIMES**  
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# Entry Guidelines 2019

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The 2019 British Homes Awards invite entries from home builders, developers, housing associations, architects and interior designers. Entries are also accepted from marketing and PR companies commissioned by their clients to submit entries on their behalf. Entrants will be required to credit all companies involved during the submission process.

## Eligibility

The home, scheme, or phase of the scheme entered for the awards must have been completed since 1 June 2017.

## How to enter

**Entry is online.** Please use the details below to compose your written submission and submit online at [britishhomesawards.co.uk](http://britishhomesawards.co.uk). Entries require a written submission, floor/site plans and supporting photographs. *Where the same scheme is entered into more than one category, entry details can be copied within the entry system.*

## Written Submission

Upload one PDF file for the judges to consider, which includes:

### A | Written statement of up to 1,000 words

At the top, state in bullet points:

- names of architect/designer and of the client/developer/housebuilder
- location
- number of bedrooms/units
- size in sq ft
- project value
- tenure mix (for developments)
- for Apartment development of the year and Mixed-use development of the year categories: uses included in scheme and their sizes in sq ft
- for Housing crisis solution category: sale price/rent per unit

When composing your statement, consider the following qualities that the judges will be looking for: design quality; relationship with and contribution to context; innovation in design and delivery; and ability to meet the needs of the target market.

### B | Photographs of both exterior and interior of the completed scheme/project

Include short captions. In the Home transformation of the year and Development transformation of the year categories, include before and after images. Images provided with award entries must be predominantly project photography, and not computer generated images.

### C | Floorplans or site plans with full captions

## Photographs

Hi-resolution photographs for use in The Sunday Times supplement on the British Homes Awards, at the presentation and other publicity of the British Homes Awards. Photographs must be free of copyright and reproduction fees. If photographers must be credited, indicate this in the filename.

## Contact details

Please advise the contact details of the company submitting the entry. This could be a PR/Marketing Agency or Architect or Interior Designer submitting on behalf of its developer/homebuilder/social housing provider client(s).

## Company logo

Please upload the company logo(s) for use on awards' certificates, at the presentation and on communication materials (on or offline). **Please supply the best possible quality for print:** EPS (preferable) or high resolution (300dpi) JPEG.

## Entry deadlines and fees

**First entry deadline: Thursday 2 May**

Fee £350+VAT/entry

**Final entry deadline: Thursday 16 May**

Fee £435+VAT/entry (includes a late entry fee)

**Sunday Times Readers' Choice**

- **Design competition: Thursday 16 May**

Fee £110+VAT/entry

## Further information

Please contact Yasmin Greaves on **0208 267 4160** or [yasmin.greaves@haymarket.com](mailto:yasmin.greaves@haymarket.com)

*Note: All entrants agree to co-operate with the Awards' organisers and to allow reasonable access to the media should they wish to interview. Entrants also agree to give the organisers authority to reproduce copyrighted material for the promotion of the Awards in whatever medium and/or at which event considered appropriate by the organisers.*



# Categories & Criteria

## Small house of the year

This award goes to the best one-off, new-build house of up to and including 2,500 sq ft, designed by an architect in Britain.

## Large house of the year

This award goes to the best one-off, new-build house of more than 2,500 sq ft, designed by an architect in Britain.

## Home extension of the year

This award goes to the best extension to an individual home, designed by an architect in Britain. Judges look for quality and innovation in interpretation of the design brief.

## Home transformation of the year

This award goes to the best refurbishment, restoration or conversion of an individual home designed by an architect in Britain. The entry should outline the challenges presented by the building, the design solution and any innovations. It must include photography of the home before and after transformation.

## Smart home of the year

This award goes to the best technology design and installation in an individual home in Britain. It must demonstrate effective integration and control of more than one set of smart technologies – such as audio-visual, lighting, security, energy management and data networking – for easy, intuitive use by the homeowner. Judges will look for technical excellence in all aspects of the design, installation, and commissioning while meeting industry standards. The project must enhance the comfort, convenience and lifestyle of the owners; be secure and safe; and complement or enhance the interior design.

## Best interior design: Individual home (£500,000 or less)

*in association with the BIID*

This award, in partnership with the British Institute of Interior Design, is for the best interior design of a private home in Britain. It can include some or all rooms. Judges will look for evidence of the designer's unique response to the challenges of the property and the needs of its owners, with a focus on space planning, finishes, colours and furnishings.

## Best interior design: Individual home (more than £500,000)

*in association with the BIID*

This award, in partnership with the British Institute of Interior Design, is for the best interior design of a private home in Britain. It can include some or all rooms. Judges will look for evidence of the designer's unique response to the challenges of the property and the needs of its owners, with a focus on space planning, finishes, colours and furnishings.

## Best interior design: Development

*in association with the BIID*

This award, in partnership with the British Institute of Interior Design, goes to the best interior design for a show home. Entries should demonstrate how the designer has communicated the developer's vision and engaged the target buyer.

## Best garden/landscaping design

This award goes to the best garden design for a residential or mixed-use development. Judges look at planting and hard landscaping, as well as how the design contributes to sustainability and placemaking within its context.

## Housing crisis solution

This award goes to a high-quality development, or part of it, that makes homes truly affordable to people on lower incomes. It is open to micro homes; first-time buyer schemes; build-to-rent and other rental innovations; as well as homes for social rent, affordable rent, intermediate rent or shared ownership. The entry should outline the number of homes, tenure mix, prices and how the design enhances residents' lives.

## Small development of the year

This new award is open to smaller residential developments of 20 units and less that demonstrate exceptional sensitivity to context and clever solutions for design and construction. It focuses on overcoming the challenges of working on a small scale on constrained city, town or village sites. The judges will consider external and internal design, innovation in design and delivery, landscaping, and the scheme's relationship with and contribution to its context.



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## Best community living

This award goes to an exemplary new development that provides resident amenities alongside homes, such as shared lounges and workspaces. It is open to build-to-rent, retirement and student housing, as well as co-living and community-led housebuilding projects. Judges look for design solutions that cleverly integrate amenities, delight their target market and create a sense of community.

## New award – Best housing partnership

To solve the housing crisis, we need innovative partnerships between developers and other bodies to deliver homes adding the highest possible value to the community – not just investors. That's why this new award recognises excellent partnerships or joint ventures between housebuilders and organisations such as local councils, housing associations, retailers, utilities or public landowners.

## New award – Sustainable development of the year

This award recognises new or retrofit schemes that enhances the comfort and lifestyle of residents through energy efficiency, health technology and/or sustainable materials. It's not about adding green gizmos but designing homes top to bottom to be kind to the environment and a true pleasure to live in.

## Apartment development of the year

This award goes to a single building or multi-building scheme of apartments that demonstrates design quality and makes a positive contribution to its context. The entry should outline the number of apartments, tenure mix and any other uses on site.

## Mixed-use development of the year

This award goes to a development that creates or revives a destination. It is open to mixed-use schemes that include homes alongside at least one other use, such as office, retail or leisure. Judges look for evidence of positive change through design, layout, public realm and landscaping.

## Development transformation of the year

This award goes to the best large-scale residential refurbishment, restoration or conversion, providing more than one home. It is open to conversions of existing buildings, such as office-to-residential; the upgrading of a housing estate; or the restoration of a heritage building. The entry should outline the challenges presented by the building/estate, the design solution and any innovations. It must include photography of the scheme before and after transformation.

## New award – Regeneration scheme of the year

With brownfield land at the forefront of the housing debate, this new award goes to an outstanding residential project acting as a catalyst for renewal and growth in an urban or rural setting. It can include new homes on derelict land or refurbishing existing buildings, and should demonstrate how it regenerates the wider area.

## Development of the year (under £10m)

This award goes to the best residential development with a gross value of up to and including £10m. Judges will consider external and internal design, development layout, landscaping, community and the scheme's relationship with and contribution to its context. The entry should outline number of units, phasing, tenure mix and other uses within the scheme.

## Development of the year (over £10m)

This category goes to the best residential development with a gross value of more than £10m. Judges will consider external and internal design, development layout, landscaping, community and the scheme's relationship with and contribution to its context. The entry should outline number of units, phasing, tenure mix and other uses within the scheme.

## The Sunday Times readers' choice home

In this year's competition to design a concept home, we challenge you to design a house using modular offsite construction. It must demonstrate exceptional design to create a home people would want to live in and look at – so it can be built at high volume without creating identikit boxes.



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## The Judges' Awards

These additional awards are made by the judges, and are not open to entry. They are:

### Judges' award for excellence

The winning and commended projects go forward for consideration of this award, which champions new-build design that the judges would like to see emulated across the industry.

### Interior designer of the year

The winning and commended interior design practices go forward for consideration for this award, made in partnership with the British Institute of Interior Design.

### Architect of the year

The winning and commended architectural practices go forward for consideration for this ultimate award.

### Homebuilder of the year

The winning and commended homebuilders go forward for consideration for this ultimate award.

### The Manser Medal

All of the winning and commended homes in the Small house of the year, Large house of the year and Home transformation of the year categories go forward for consideration for the prestigious Manser Medal.

